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Sir:

Enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 (in duplicate), copies of references cited in the PTO Form 1449.

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant submits the enclosed copies of materials that might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. For the Examiner's convenience, the materials are identified on the accompanying PTO Form 1449.

WO 97/08538 A, W0 89/12223 A, EP 0 703 445 A2, and US 5,122,974 A were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. In that regard, a copy of the PCT Invitation To Pay Additional Fees form mailed October 21, 1998 and the Annex Form PCT/ISA/206 Communication Relating to Results of Partial International Search for PCT Application No. PCT/US 98/11937 is also included.

Applicant requests the Examiner to consider the enclosed materials during examination of this application.

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